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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 18, 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

**PORTABLE INFORMATION RADIO TERMINAL DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF**

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sato et al. (6,333,459)

Reference claim 1. Sato et al. disclose a portable information radio terminal device comprising:

a device body (Figure 2, item 25);

an electronic part provided in said device body (Figure 4, Item 10); and

an elastic member supporting said electronic part within

said device body (Figure 4, Items 57).

Reference claim 2. Sato et al. disclose a portable information radio terminal device comprising:

a device body (Figure 2, item 25);

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a printed board provided in said device body (Figure 4, item 10);
an electronic part provided on said printed board (Figure 4, items 13 and 14); and
an elastic member supporting said printed board within said device body (Figure 4, items 57).

Reference claim 3. Sato et al. disclose a portable information radio terminal device as set forth in claim 2, wherein said device body includes

a first and second casing to be assembled with each other (Figure 1, items 24 and 25), and
said elastic member is disposed between said printed board and said first casing (Figure 4, items 57 and between said printed board and said second casing (Figure 4, items 57).

Reference claim 4. Sato et al. disclose a portable information radio terminal device asset forth in claim 3, wherein a direction of an elastic force acting on said printed board from said elastic member disposed between said printed board and said first casing and a direction of an elastic force acting on said printed board from said elastic member disposed between said printed board and said second casing substantially match with a direction of assembling said first and second casings (column 8, line 19+).

Reference claim 6. Sato et al. disclose a portable information radio terminal device as set forth in claim 2, wherein said elastic member is provided at only one side of said printed board in the longitudinal direction, and the other end side of said printed board in the longitudinal direction is situated as a free end (Figure 4, items 57).

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Reference claim 8. Sato et al. disclose a portable information radio terminal device as set forth in claim 2, wherein a plurality of elastic members are provided **per** one side of said printed board (Figure 4, items 57).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. (6,333,459)

Reference claim 5. Sato et al. do not disclose a portable information radio terminal device as set forth in claim 3, wherein said elastic body is pressurized by assembling said first casing and said second casing. Sato et al. does not state which casing of the device is assembled first. However, this does not preclude Sato et al. selecting a first casing to be assembled.

Reference claims 9 and 10, Claims 9 and 10 are method claims. The method of assembly is obvious in view of the apparatus rejected above. It is obvious that Sato et al. possesses a method of assembly for their apparatus and a rejection is appropriate in view of the apparatus rejection cited above.



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Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The best art to consider with this application can be found in Lin (6,304,440), Gramble et al. (6,249,432), Gamble et al. (6,233,143), Lopez (6,160,703), Vos et al. (6,002,588), Genix et al. (6,021,041), Chen (6,272,011), Nagarajan (6,201,691) and MacDonald, Jr. et al. (5,914,864). Lin discloses a shock-proof device of external hard disk driver box, Gamble et al. (6,249,432) disclose a vibration dampening system for removable hard disk drive carriers, Gamble et al. (6,233,143) disclose a shock dampening system for hard disk drive carrier, Lopez discloses a shock mounting system for data storage modules, Vos et al. disclose a thermally conductible vibration isolators, Genix et al. disclose a tuned shock absorbing system for portable computer hard disk drives, Chen discloses a hard disk drive mobile rack, Nagarajan discloses a removable electronic subassembly with a compressible shock absorbing device and MacDonald, Jr. et al. disclose a shock and vibration attenuating structure for an electronic assembly.

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Any inquiry concerning to this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to David Foster whose telephone number is (703) 308-1763. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Darren E Schuberg, who can be reached on (703) 308-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)308-7724.

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